

## THE THREE HEROES

Who Have Been Rebuked, Censured and Snubbed.

### DEWEY, SCHLEY AND MILES

The President of the United States and Secretaries Long and Root Do the Snubbing Act—The People Rejoice at the Dictatorial Spirit Manifested by the President, and Indignant at the Assumption of Powers by His Secretaries.

We did not know that any officer of the army or navy could be reprimanded in an official document by either the President of the United States or the secretaries of the war and navy departments without first subjecting the said officer to a court martial or court of inquiry to determine if the said officer was guilty of any of the violations of the disciplinary code governing the respective branches.

The admiral of the navy and the lieutenant-general commanding the armies of the United States, the former indirectly and the latter directly and specifically, have thus been reprimanded by Secretaries Long and Root. In the case of the Admiral, Secretary Long is compelled to misquote the precept under which the Schley court of inquiry was empowered to find on the specifications of the said precept, for it is expressly stated, after enumerating the specific points to be investigated or inquired into, that:

"The foregoing specific directions are given primarily for the information and guidance of the court, but do not limit or restrict the scope of its inquiry into the 'entire matter,' the investigation of which is asked by the officer concerned."

Now, in pursuance of this authority, Admiral Dewey reported that Schley and not Sampson commanded the naval forces of the United States at the battle of Santiago. Heretofore it had been officially held that Sampson was in command. He was even awarded prize money as such commander. Hence it was not only proper but vital in responding to the instructions of the Court of Inquiry received, as quoted above, that the court should report who was entitled to the honor, glory and reward as commander of the American squadron. The two members who found so many counts against Schley for mere trifles or errors of judgment at best, ignored altogether this important question of the precept. Not so the victor of Manila Bay, the gallant Dewey. He found and officially reported that the victor of Santiago and the commander of our naval forces was Schley and not, as the Bureau of Fabrication had proclaimed, Sampson. For this Long censures, snubs or reprimands him, whichever term applies to the chesty comments of the Secretary of the Navy, when he untruthfully says, in substance, that the question of who was in command of our naval forces when the battle of Santiago was fought was not before the Court of Inquiry.

But it was, as a reading of the above quotation shows, and Admiral Dewey is the only member of the court who fully observed his oath and truthfully reported all of the facts elicited by the three members of the Naval Court of Inquiry. Therefore, Long's rebuke or censure is an assumption of authority on his part, which being predicated on an untruthful hypothesis is thus doubly and infamously unfair, prejudiced and partisan.

Secretary of War Root, also assumes the autocratic prestige of determining by himself when an officer of the army is guilty of conduct meriting censure. Courts martial or courts of inquiry so far, therefore, as the army is concerned can be dispensed with for the future.

The Secretary of War is the articles of war all to himself. His *ipse dixit* takes the place of the code of discipline enacted by the Congress of the United States.

Following out the precedent set, Lieutenant General Miles can now reprimand Adjutant General Corbin for that Manila hemp affair. General Corbin can reprimand Colonel Heistand for involving him in the scheme, and Colonel Heistand can reprimand—no, not Major Hawkes as he is a civilian—but the colonel can jump all over his captain, lieutenant and clerks.

The captain can reprimand the lieutenant, the lieutenant the first sergeant, and the latter can damn the whole company of privates.

If the Secretary of War can thus set aside the precedents and military law governing the conduct of officers without subjecting them to Courts of Inquiry or rather courts martial for breaches of discipline, it follows that the Lieutenant General commanding the army can also do the same towards his inferiors in rank.

And if General Miles is guilty of an impropriety in stating that an admiral of the American navy was neither a coward nor poltroon what pray is Secretary Long guilty of who assumes authority to punish the Lieutenant General of the Army without giving that high officer the benefit of a trial by court martial, which would and has heretofore been accorded to the lowest ranking officer accused of a reprimandable offense? If this kind of discipline is to be substituted for the written code governing the military arm of the service we may be permitted to inquire what kind of discipline and what kind of an army will we have when Long is initiated down along the line, until the private soldier is reached and particularly damned?

It is also reported that President Roosevelt has Mexicanized the high office of President of the United States and degraded it into a dictatorship—A La Porfirio Diaz—in treating the general of the army in a censoriously abrupt manner when the latter called upon His Excellency to explain his remarks about Schley.

President Roosevelt knows better than the average American that the people or politicians of the United States will not stand a dictator. The slight evidence one William Jennings Bryan gave of his inclination to be such was beautifully squelched in two campaigns by the American people. A high personality is all very well, when the owner of such attributes is the leader of a political faction, a Webster, a Clay or a Calhoun on the floor of the Senate, or even a Blaine in the House and Cabinet, but the plain people never have and never will voluntarily select such high strung statesmen for the Presidential chair of the Nation.

The Lincoln type in war and the McKinley type in peace are the ideals the American people love in their Presidents. The less personality the President exhibits

along the line of "running things" in times of peace the more he is beloved and trusted by the masses of the people and the less he is antagonized by the people's leaders and representatives.

The President of the United States owes to the general commanding the army courteous treatment and dignified consideration. The people feel outraged in their collective self-respect when so high and so renowned an officer is snubbed or treated with abruptness by the President of the United States. The exhibition of Presidential displeasure in the presence of others towards a humble official is commendable enough, but when temper is manifested whereby a gallant and high officer with the magnificent record of a Miles is humiliated, no language is severe enough in condemnation of the dictatorial spirit of the President of the United States.

The President's anger becomes that of the swashbuckler or irresponsible autocrat when manifested in discourteous treatment and public humiliation of the general of our armies. It is unworthy of his high office and becomes more properly, in this Republic, at least, the leader of a political faction or the hired advocate of a beaten client.

Dewey, Schley and Miles can find more of their countrymen ready to risk their lives for them, at the drop of a hat, than the combined Roosevelts, Longs and Roots who have ever lived, and the motive and the reason sticks out in their records and actions on sea and land, in war and peace, as American gentlemen and heroic chieftains of the Republic.

### NEW WAY TO MAKE GENIUSES.

English Scientist Proposes an Endowment Fund for Improvement of Human Race.

Is it possible to build up the human race by the same process of selection that a farmer raises a superior breed of sheep or a herd of cattle?

Francis Galton, an English scientist, who has just been awarded the Huxley medal by the anthropological society of London, maintains that this can be done.

Incidentally he has devised an ingenious scheme for spending other people's money. Mr. Galton proposes that rich men contribute to endowment funds for young couples who are above the average physically and mentally. By this process, Mr. Galton argues, the human race would tend toward genius, rather than mediocrity.

"It might easily become an avowed object of noble families," says Mr. Galton, "to gather fine specimens of humanity around them just as it was to produce fine breeds of cattle and so forth, which were costly in money but repaid in satisfaction. Again, a settlement of selected persons might conceivably be maintained bearing some analogy to colleges and their fellowships."

As improvement of the race would consist in increasing the productivity of the best stock, enthusiasm to attain that end might express itself by granting diplomas to a select class of young men and women, by encouraging their intermarriage, and promoting the early marriage of girls of that high class.

By an intricate mathematical calculation Mr. Galton has proved to his own satisfaction that the value to the human race of every child may be estimated by figures and set down in the book of the town clerk. Philanthropists like Mr. Carnegie, for instance, can take note, and endow likely couples accordingly. The books will be open to inspection, and Mr. Galton believes that the system would be a great aid to young people in choosing life partners.

There are two difficulties in the way, Mr. Galton admits. One is to get the facts from his figures. The other is to persuade young persons to act upon them.

### The Camera Saved the Day.

"It was simply bullheaded luck," said the young man with the red shirtwaist. "Papa declared it would be a warm day when he gave his consent to my marrying his daughter, and, as the weather record had been broken several times after he had made that remark, I was beginning to lose hope. When all-the-world-to-me went on her vacation I went to the same place and put up at the same hotel. Now, pap-in-law-to-be is an old blue-hair, and it made me tired—everybody else too—the way he bragged about the fish he caught in former days."

"Finally some one hinted that it would be a good plan for him to make good and give an example of his skill as a fisherman. He accepted the challenge and spent three days getting his tackle ready. He went alone, as he said he didn't want to be bothered by having any greenhorns along, and we waited with bated breath for him to return."

"Now, I am something of a camera fiend, and late in the afternoon I started out to take a picture of a wooded dell when the shadows were well down. I was making my way to the road through some thick brush when I discovered my daddy-in-law-to-be standing in the middle of the road bargaining with a small boy for a long string of fish. Quick as a flash I took a snapshot of him; just as he was holding on to his pocket with one hand digging into it with the other, and I let the old man brag around the hotel for three days about the fish he had caught. Then I showed him the picture, told him if he didn't consent to my marrying his daughter I would spread it broadcast over the hotel, and pointed out where his reputation would be. He wilted, gulped hard, and surrendered. He isn't a bad sort when you know how to handle him."

### When You Visit Remember.

If a pleasure is proposed, accept it. You are expected to be entertained. The host's chair and the host's desk are not to be invaded.

Keep your own room neat. Disorder is most trying to the maid, who will complain of it.

Be agreeable to all guests, whether you like them or not.

Always ask your hostess what her plans are for the day and abide by them.

All visitors should remember that their evenings belong to the host and hostess, and that they are expected to add to their enjoyment.

Absent yourself several hours in the morning, so that the mistress of the house will have a chance to settle her affairs. This sort of consideration is appreciated.

Be stone blind, deaf and dumb to family matters of an unpleasant nature in a household. Be punctual at meals. To be late is a disrespect to your hostess—bad form for yourself.

This wail of a desolate husband caps the climax: "Tears cannot bring thee back to life. Therefore I weep."

## SHE IS HERE!

The Minnesota Blizzard Is on Deck as Usual.

### EVANS TAKES TO THE WOODS

Mrs. Wm. Blaisdell After That Pension to Which She Is Entitled—Her Persistent Attempts to Get Justice From Evans and Hitchcock, and Now She Appeals to Congress. Neither Congress Nor the Pension Department Can Lose Mrs. Blaisdell.

The "Minnesota Blizzard" struck Washington last week and visited the GLOBE's sanctum. The "Minnesota Blizzard" is the same facetiously given Mrs. William Blaisdell, who for a number of years has been fighting for justice at the hands of Commissioner H. Clay Evans and Secretary Hitchcock. She has in recent years, however, turned to Congress for redress, but so far without result, notwithstanding that she is backed by the solid Minnesota delegation in Congress.

The statement of her claim to recognition at the hands of Congress is thus given in her own words:

William Blaisdell volunteered as a member of Company F, Fifth Minnesota Infantry in 1862. His pension was suspended in July, 1893, under an order of Grover Cleveland to all post masters, to report all "suspicious" claimants. It so happened at that time that the post master at Pelican Rapids was a very bitter enemy of mine. He reported this claim No. 13,093 as a "Fraud." As his legal guardian I took Mrs. Blaisdell to Fergus Falls before the board of Pension Examiners, Dr. McLean and others, and as a result of this examination he was sent to the St. Peter Asylum. I went and stayed with him some four months.

Through the help of our friends in Jackson county and Senator Washburn, his pension was restored and I was permitted to bring him home. This was in 1891. He was transferred to the Fergus Falls Asylum as soon as it was occupied by patients. There he was secretly discharged as cured.

In 1893, after Cleveland was elected the second time, this post-office order was renewed and nearly half of the pension claims were suspended, and our claim was cut from \$75 down to \$10, and yet the certificate read "to the duly appointed guardian."

This was in 1893 and I was his duly appointed guardian. It was about this time that they tried to kill my guardianship by trying to have me incarcerated in the Fergus Falls asylum. Oh, the conspiracy! The cruel persecution of me, and for what? Just because I would not submit my person to the liberties of Pelican Rapids. God knows this is the truth. The tears stream down my cheeks as I rehearse the facts of my terrible sufferings brought about by the nefarious plots of these men, trying to bury an innocent woman alive in a living tomb. May God deal with them as they dealt with me, without mercy is my prayer. I cannot forgive them. But my friends from Fergus Falls and all over the state rallied to my assistance. For the next six months the contest over my guardianship, in the Supreme Court, and whether they could incarcerate a sane person in the asylum for the insane. As all know, the conspiracy to have me declared insane did not succeed. The terrible suffering I endured was not known by my friends at the time because they did not know the whole truth. Through all this terrible ordeal I lived at home and fulfilled my duty as wife and guardian to this insane soldier the hero of 36 battles and many skirmishes.

Our home had been mortgaged to get means for his support and medical treatment, and in 1895 the mortgage was foreclosed and we lost the farm, worth \$2,500.

In 1895 Mr. Blaisdell became so unmanageable and so insane that I could no longer manage him. He would escape and run off into the woods and hide. The neighbors would help me hunt him up and get him back home. I called upon the county commissioners for help to take care of him. When they came to see him they all said he must be placed in the Fergus Falls asylum for treatment. Soon after he was taken there, on August 26, 1895, he died.

His death record reads: "Died of Organic Dementia and Exhaustion, August 26, 1895." Now can you solve the problem and explain why I am held out my legal rights as a pensioner and all back pay held away from me? As a widow I was given \$2 a month, which establishes the fact that he died of disease contracted in the army. Now, again, I, Marie J. Blaisdell, was an army nurse in Fort Snelling in 1862, and was allowed a nurse's pension, and I should have had \$1,100 as back pay, whereas I only received \$400.

There is a law on the statute books of the United States that says no person can draw two pensions over the same period of time. They took away my widow's pension for fear the United States would be cheated. I was really entitled to both pensions, or I could not have drawn either. Where is justice in this? The widow was cheated by the law out of \$750. Can you see it in any other light? And this by a Republican administration. Why our statesmen do not see me get justice is a puzzle to many people in my state. It certainly is not justice to a constituent. I will not stay at this time what I think of the Pension Office, but rest assured I have my opinion.

Through all of our troubles the newspapers of the whole country have always treated us well. I wish to thank the newspaper people and especially those of my own state for their kindness.

MARIE J. BLAISDELL.

P. S.—Here is a question to our own lawyers: What power has the Pension Office to make rules that defeat law, and fix such rules with the law? They do not explain to me who has the power to do this thing. I was taught that Congress made our laws.

Now again, if they have hewn to the line of the law in my Nurses Pension case and robbed me of \$750, why don't they lay awake nights to do me exact justice in my husband's case? We both have records of actual service in the War of the Rebellion as good as any in this great government of the United States. He served four years' and I have proved my record by the commander of the post at Fort Snelling in 1862, and by the governor of our state at that time, and by three commissioned officers. Six or seven of the men that were under my care in the hospital were accepted by the Surgeon General of the United States and the whole delegation of Minnesota. What more need be said? I am now told by one of the best lawyers in Washington that my first move to get the back pay in my husband's case is to arrest one Paul Williams, a special examiner in the Pension Office at the time we tried to get his pension restored before Mr. Blaisdell died, for criminal libel. This gentleman is now Post-office Inspector at a large salary while I am out my back pay, and all under a Republican administration.

This is one of the coils of the octopus of American Civil Service. I was advised by the late Senator Cushman K. Davis to return to Washington in December as nothing can be done for me before that time. Now to the lawyers of my own state, let us watch the program of our Grand Army in a case like this. It is high time that some one grabs hold of the crank and twists something like justice out of that machine called the Civil Service. Where are we at, if we are to have law dealt out as it sees fit? I obey orders and return to Washington. Here I am.

None but truth crushed to earth will rise again. God makes character, man makes rule always. MARIE J. BLAISDELL. Mrs. Blaisdell is here, sure enough, and spent an hour, more or less, in the GLOBE office reciting her just grievances. She came all the way from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, just the same as she has done for years during the sessions of Congress. It would be at least charity towards a lone woman for Congress to either allow her claim or inform her positively of its untenable character. The GLOBE believes her claim just and that it ought to be allowed. That Mrs. Blaisdell is a stayer and not easily "bluffed" Commissioner Evans has found out. Indeed Mr. Evans has very gallantly issued orders to the watchman at the Pension Bureau not to admit her to his presence under any conditions or circumstances. Mrs. Blaisdell, it appears, has read the riot act to Commissioner Evans in seven different varieties of the English language.

That she will and may succeed in her mission this time is the hope and prediction of her friends, among whom the GLOBE is proud to be reckoned.

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